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SUBJ: COUNTRY REPLIES DPQ(73)

1. COUNTRY REPLIES TO DEFENSE PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE DPQ(73) CONTAINING NATIONAL FORCE PLANS FOR 1974-78 PERIOD ARE NOW BEGINNING TO BE RECEIVED BY USNATO. COUNTRY REPLIES, AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENTS AND EMBASSIES. WE PROPOSE TO AGAIN MAKE INITIAL ANALYSIS OF EACH COUNTRY REPLY AND CABLE REPORTS TO WASHINGTON AND INFO CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDRESSEES CONCERNED.

2. ANALYSIS WILL COVER SUCH POINTS AS IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM DPQ(72), DEVIATION FROM FORCE COMMITMENT UNDERTAKEN FOR

1973, COMPARISON OF FORCE PLANS WITH FORCE GOALS FOR 1974 TO 1978 PERIOD, AND COMMENTS ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT AD-70 RECOMMENDED FORCE IMPROVEMENTS (SUCH AS THOSE SINGLED OUT BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER: ANTI-ARMOR, AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, AND STOCKS) AND NATIONAL FACTORS LIMITING DEFENSE EFFORTS. TO THE EXTENT THAT TIME AND DATA PERMIT, WE WILL INCLUDE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENTS, PARTICULARLY KEYED TO FEASIBILITY OF SUPPORTING PROPOSED FORCE LEVELS, EQUIPMENT BUYS, MODERNIZATION, ETC. AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

3. WE WILL ALSO IDENTIFY TENTATIVE USNATO POSITIONS AND DRAFT QUESTIONS FOR USE DURING NATO'S FALL MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF COUNTRY FORCE PLANS. ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR WHEN COUNTRY REPLIES ARE POUCHED TO EMBASSIES, WE WILL BE ASKING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE FOR EMBASSY COMMENTS AND IN PARTICULAR FOR SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR USE IN NATO'S MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION SESSION.

4. IN PAST YEARS, WE HAVE FOUND EMBASSY COUNTRY TEAM VIEWS VERY USEFUL INPUTS AND/OR ADDITIONS TO USNATO REVIEW EFFORTS.
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